

NEGATIVE CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY REPORT

THE EMERALD HILLS PROJECT

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
APN 126-250-23; TPM 21057;
ENVIRONMENTAL LOG NO. 07-02-005**

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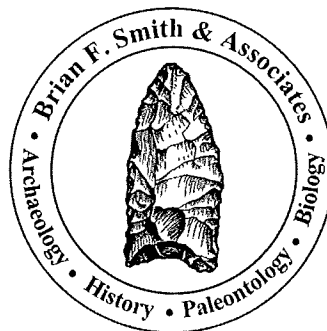
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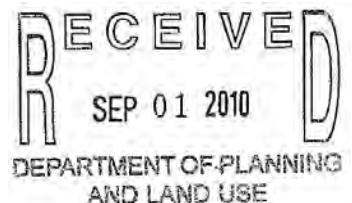
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National Archaeological Data Base Information

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USGS Quadrangle: *Bonsall* (7.5 minute), California

Study Area: 19.39 acres

Key Words: Intensive pedestrian survey of 19.39 acres; APN 126-250-23; no resources; USGS *Bonsall* quadrangle (7.5 minute); previously disturbed.

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to a request from Touchstone Communities, Brian F. Smith and Associates (BFSA) conducted an intensive pedestrian survey of the Emerald Hills project. The following letter report describes the results of the survey.

County: San Diego

USGS 7.5' Quad: *Bonsall*, California **Date:** 1968 (photorevised 1975) **Section:** 30 (southwest ¼) **Township:** 10 South **Range:** 3 West

Address: N/A

Other Locational Data: The project is located on the west side of State Route 76 (Mission Road) between the community of Bonsall and the City of Oceanside.

Assessor Parcel No.: 126-250-23

UTM Coordinates: Zone 11, 478140 mE/ 3681830 mN

Elevation: approximately 150 to 370 feet above mean sea level

Owner/Address: Kato Nobu/ Kato Yuko
Emerald Hills Road
Bonsall, California 92003

Survey Type: Intensive Pedestrian

Date of Survey: June 4, 2007

Field Crew: Project Archaeologist Clarence "Bud" Hoff and Field Archaeologists Charles Callahan, Ryan Robinson, and Michael Tyberg conducted the survey under the direction of Brian F. Smith, Principal Investigator.

Description: The intensive pedestrian survey was conducted as part of the environmental clearance required for the development of the 19.39-acre Emerald Hills property. The survey program was conducted in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of San Diego guidelines (approved September 26, 2006) to determine the presence of any archaeological or historical cultural resources that would be affected by the proposed project. The proposed project involves the development of the property into four residential lots and an open-space easement. Based upon the development plan, the majority of the parcel to be utilized and graded is confined to the western half of the parcel.

The methodology employed during the current investigation followed standard archaeological field procedures and was sufficient to accomplish a thorough assessment of the project. The field methodology employed for the project included walking survey transects evenly spaced approximately ten meters apart and oriented north to south across the entire property while visually inspecting the soil surface. The property consists of level to moderately steep terrain

within an avocado grove and nursery. Ground visibility ranged from excellent within dirt roads and previously graded or cleared areas, to poor within the avocado groves due to leaf litter obscuring the ground surface. The project area showed severe signs of disturbance caused by continuing avocado orchard and nursery activities. Large portions of the project appeared to have been terraced to facilitate maintenance of the property and irrigation systems, and to aid in produce collection. The entire property was surveyed during the current study. All potentially sensitive areas where cultural resources might be located were closely inspected. No historic or prehistoric cultural resources were identified within the boundaries of the current project, and no artifacts, features, or darkened soils were observed. The survey was accomplished with the assistance of a Native American representative, Stacy Mojado of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians. No constraints or limitations were encountered during the current project.

In addition to the intensive pedestrian survey, records searches were requested from the South Coastal Information Center at San Diego State University and from the San Diego Museum of Man to identify previously recorded archaeological sites in the project area. A Sacred Lands File search was also requested from the Native American Heritage Commission to identify any sacred or ceremonial sites or landforms on the project. All records searches were negative for the presence of cultural resources within the project boundaries.

This negative letter report constitutes the final archaeological investigation for the Emerald Hills project. No further archaeological assessment is recommended based on the lack of cultural resources and the disturbed nature of the project area. A copy of this report will be permanently filed with the South Coastal Information Center at San Diego State University. All notes and other materials related to this project will be curated at the archaeological laboratory of BFSa in Poway, California.

Sincerely,



Brian F. Smith, Principal Investigator
Brian F. Smith and Associates

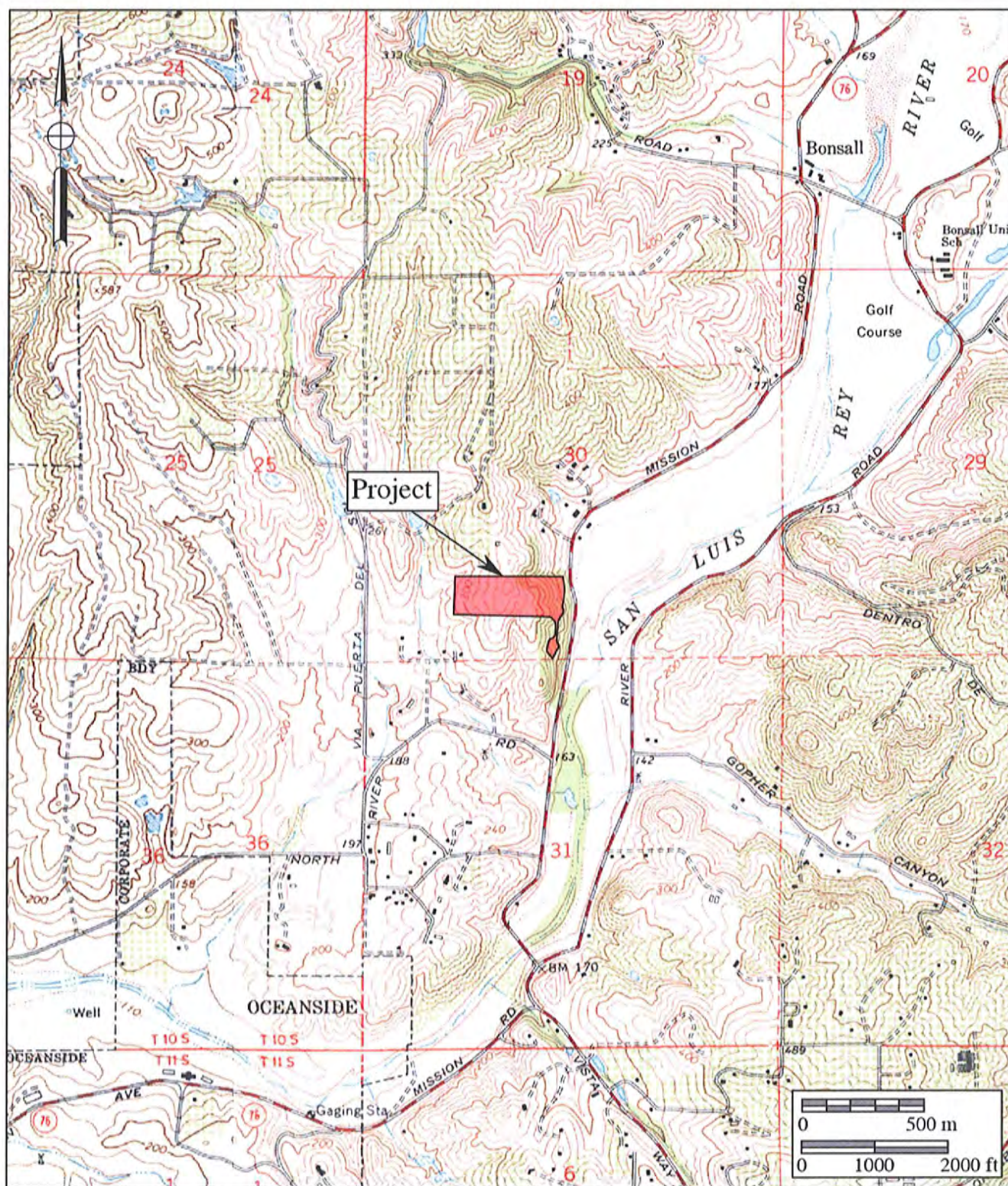
Attachments:

General Location Map
Project Location Map (7.5' USGS topographic map)

Confidential Attachments (only submitted to the County of San Diego):
South Coastal Information Center records search results
Museum of Man records search results
Native American Heritage Commission Sacred Lands File search results



General Location Map
The Emerald Hills Project



Project Location Map

The Emerald Hill Project

USGS Morro Hill and Bonsall Quadrangles (7.5 minute series)

CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM SITE FILES RECORD SEARCH

Company: Brian F. Smith and Associates
Company Representative: Larry J. Pierson
Date of Request: 5/24/2007
Date Processed: 5/29/2007
Project Identification: Emerald Hills Project

Search Radius: 1 mile

Historical Resources: SM **Date:** 5/29/2007

Trinomial (CA-SDI) and Primary (P-37) site maps have been reviewed. All sites within the project boundaries and the specified radius of the project area have been plotted. Copies of the site record forms have been included for all recorded sites.

Previous Archaeological Project Boundaries: SM **Date:** 5/29/2007

Project boundary maps have been reviewed. National Archaeological Database (NADB) citations for reports within the project boundaries and within the specified radius of the project area have been included.

Historic Maps: SM **Date:** 5/29/2007

The historic maps on file at the South Coastal Information Center have been reviewed, and copies have been included.

Historic Addresses: SM **Date:** 5/29/2007

A map and database of historic addresses (formerly Geofinder) has been included.

HOURS: 2

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REPORT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE FILES RECORD SEARCH

Source of Request:

Brian F. Smith & Associates

Name of Project:

Emerald Hills Project

Date of Request:

May 7, 2007

Date Request Received:

June 5, 2007

Archaeological site file information is enclosed for the following sites located within or in the vicinity of the project area:

W - 266

W - 3833

W - 266 A

W - 3912

W - 1823

W - 3913

W - 3633

The Museum of Man holds collections for the following sites:

W - 266

W - 266 A

Bibliographic information is enclosed for the following reports on archaeological environmental impact studies conducted within or in the vicinity of the project area:

EIS - 365

EIS - 573

EIS - 532

EIS - 946

EIS - 556

EIS - 1148

EIS - 562

EIS - 1153

Record Search is based only on information contained in the files of the San Diego Museum of Man. Archaeological site records and/or environmental impact studies pertaining to the project area may exist in other repositories.

Record Search completed by:

Garrett Knudsen

Date of Record Search:

June 11, 2007



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May 30, 2007

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Sent by FAX to: 858-679-9896
Number of pages: 2

Re: Proposed Emerald Hills Project (APN 126-250-23), San Diego County.

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

The Native American Heritage Commission was able to perform a record search of its Sacred Lands File (SLF) for the affected project area. The SLF failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project area. The absence of specific site information in the Sacred Lands File does not guarantee the absence of cultural resources in any 'area of potential effect (APE).'

Early consultation with Native American tribes in your area is the best way to avoid unanticipated discoveries once a project is underway. Enclosed are the nearest tribes that may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. A List of Native American contacts are attached to assist you. The Commission makes no recommendation of a single individual or group over another. It is advisable to contact the person listed; if they cannot supply you with specific information about the impact on cultural resources, they may be able to refer you to another tribe or person knowledgeable of the cultural resources in or near the affected project area (APE).

Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude the existence of archeological resources. Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in Section 15370 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when significant cultural resources could be affected by a project. Also, Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and Health & Safety Code Section 7050.5 provide for provisions for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction and mandate the processes to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a project location other than a 'dedicated cemetery. Discussion of these should be included in your environmental documents, as appropriate.

If you have any questions about this response to your request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 653-6251.

Sincerely,


Dave Singleton
Program Analyst

Attachment: Native American Contact List

Native American Contacts
San Diego County
May 30, 2007

Rincon Band of Mission Indians
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council@rincontribe.org
(760) 749-1051
(760) 749-8901 Fax

San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians
Mark Mojado, Cultural Resources
1889 Sunset Drive Luiseno
Vista , CA 92081 Cupeno
(760) 724-8505

(760) 586-4858 (cell)

San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians
Henry Contreras, Most Likely Descendent
1763 Chapulin Lane Luiseno
Fallbrook , CA 92028
(760) 728-6722 - Home
(760) 207-3618 - Cell

Cupa Cultural Center (Pala Band)
Shasta Gaughen, Assistant Director
35008 Pala-Temecula Rd.PMB Box 445 Luiseno
Pala , CA 92059
cupa@palatribe.com
(760) 742-1590
(760) 742-4543 - FAX

San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians
Russell Romo, Chairman
12064 Old Pomerado Road Luiseno
Poway , CA 92064
(858) 748-1586

La Jolla Band of Mission Indians
ATTN: Rob Roy,Environmental Director
22000 Highway 76 Luiseno
Pauma Valley , CA 92061
lajolla-sherry@aol.com and
(760) 742-3790
(760) 742-1704 Fax

San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians
Carmen Mojado, Co-Chair
1889 Sunset Drive Luiseno
Vista , CA 92081
(760) 724-8505

Charles Devers, Chair
Cultural Committee; Pauma & Yuima Reservations
P.O. Box 369 Luiseno
Pauma Valley , CA 92061
(760) 742-1289
(760) 742-4543 FAX

This list is current only as of the date of this document.

Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 6097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 6097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native American with regard to cultural resources for the proposed Emerald Hills Project in northern San Diego County in the general Bonati and Morro Hill areas, for which a Sacred Lands File search was conducted.